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North Dakota Olmstead Commission to meet April 25 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Olmstead Commission is meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Pioneer Room, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend.

Agenda items include updates on the Transition Task Force and community-based services, crisis bed project, and a housing report from the N.D Housing Finance Agency. The Medical Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services will provide a briefing on the Money Follows the Person grant efforts including home and community-based services outreach, direct service workforce development coordinator, and grant housing.

Commission members will also hear an Olmstead plan work group report and member updates. Other business may be discussed.

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The Governor's Health and Human Services Policy Advisor Tami Ternes and N.D. Department of Human Services Executive Director Carol K. Olson co-chair the commission. Members are appointed by the governor. Commission information is online at http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=127 and http://governor.nd.gov/dhs/info/olmstead-commission.html.